

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks made herein. Claim 12-13 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-11 remain pending.

The Drawings stand objected to for not having descriptive labels. In response, replacement sheets have been provided with descriptive labels as indicated by the Examiner. Accordingly, applicants request removal of this objection.

Claim 11-13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C 101 as it is alleged to be directed to non-statutory matter. Claims 12 and 13 have been canceled. Amended claim 11 recites data being stored on a computer-readable storage medium, which data imparts function to a computing device. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the claim is allowable subject matter under 35 USC §101.

Claims 1, 3-6 and 8-13 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Tanaka (USP No. 5,054,084). In response applicants have amended independent claims 1, 6 and 11 to recite the limitations of “wherein the first language property characterizes context of the speech information and the second language property is selected from the group consisting of speech segmentation, language

information, and speaker group.” Applicant can find nothing Tanaka that teaches these limitations.

Since Tanaka does not teach all of the limitations of independent claims 1, 6 and 11, it can not anticipate the present invention. For at least the above cited reasons, Applicant submits that Claims 1, 6 and 11 are patentable over Tanaka.

Claims 2 and 7 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanaka in view of Chandler (USP No. 6,466,491).

With regard to claims 2-5 and 7-10 these claims depend from the independent claims discussed above, which have been shown to be allowable in view of the cited reference. Accordingly, each of claims 2-5 and 7-10 are also allowable by virtue of its dependence from an allowable base claim.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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